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COMMUNISTS TIGHTEN 'Phone call RIP ON PHNOM PENH saved life of Arafat'

PHNOM — About 40 Communist battalions were reported to be tightening their grip on the besieged Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and up rocket sites within range of the city.

Communist forces closed fighting continued on three fronts around the capital. An attempt by a supply-convoy to break the Communist blockade on the Mekong River failed, military reported.

12,000 Communist troops concentrated within a day's march of Phnom Penh — the big-embassy of Communist power was broken out three years ago by a U.S. warplane, field said the Communists with the east bank of the Mekong, leaving the 51 km. of Phnom Penh — an important base of Neak on the Mekong, plus long of the river's western Government hands.

352 bombers and 200 fighters hit Communist positions for the 38th consecutive day, concentrating on Highway One — the main highway leading east from Phnom Penh to Saigon — and on Communist positions around Ta-ko, a provincial capital 64 km. south of Phnom Penh, the high command said.

Although the Communists still control a 111 km. stretch of Highway One, military experts said the clearing of the highway as far as the Mekong will relieve considerably the situation along the river.

In Saigon, more than 50,000 government supporters today welcomed President Nguyen Van Thieu on his return from a two week, round-the-world trip.

In a 20-minute speech at the airport, Thieu said, "The United States has promised us from now to the end of 1973 to give us everything we need to replace what has been destroyed in the war and to form the base for an economic takeoff."

In Washington, Senator Edward Kennedy today charged that nearly half of Cambodia's population, some 3,000,000 men, women and children, have become refugees and conditions are rapidly deteriorating in the war-torn nation.

The development came amid growing opposition in Congress to the American bombing in Cambodia in support of the government of Prime Minister Lon Nol, which is losing ground to Communist-backed forces.

Subcommittee staff members said the refugee estimate, based on government and private relief organization figures, is up one million over a year ago.

LONDON (TNA). — An urgent telephone call summoning Yasser Arafat and another terrorist chief to Damascus has been credited with saving his lives last Tuesday in Israel's lightning raid on Beirut.

In London's "Sunday Telegraph," John Bulloch reports from Beirut that Arafat, the head of Al Fatah, and Salah Khalaf, generally credited as the head of the intelligence organization and of Black September, were on the 90-mile drive to the Syrian capital when the Israeli commandos struck.

Had it not been for the call, the two would also have been in the buildings stormed by the Israelis. Bulloch gave this account:

The executive council of the organization was holding a meeting that night in the apartment of Khalaf Nasser, the spokesman of the organization, in a block of flats on Rifa Verduh.

Because they were all tired, they decided to close the meeting early and resume at 8 a.m. the next day. Nasser suggested that Arafat should stay in a spare room in his flat that night. Arafat agreed and it was arranged that Khalaf should stay in a nearby block with Youssef Najjar.

But just as the meeting was breaking up, the telephone call came from Damascus.

Nasser, Najjar and Kamal Adwan were killed in the raids on the two buildings.

LABOUR PARTY DEBATE ECHOES Spir and Eban attack Dayan

Jerusalem Post Staff

Labour Party's "grand demagogic" policy towards the territories was attacked by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban sharply during a debate in the House of Commons on Friday.

Mr. Sapir said that the Labour Party's policy was "a grand demagogic" policy towards the territories, which he regarded as "an achievement" of the fact our Party had not changed its policy on the territories in the last 10 years.

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Mr. Sapir also attacked Dayan and Gali for what he called "tendentous usage" of a demographic research on population forecast figures made by Professor Barkai of the Hebrew University. Mr. Sapir said significantly: "In the next few days I will reveal precise figures about population rates for Jews and Arabs for the coming years, and they will evoke shivers."

Mr. Sapir registered his gratification that Mr. Dayan had expressed his readiness to forgo territories if they involved absorbing another million Arabs into Israel. (Dayan said however that this choice was not on the agenda at the moment.)

In his radio interview, Mr. Eban was asked if a "hawkish note" had not been sounded in the summing up of the Labour Party Secretary's debate on the territories.

"I am certainly not prepared to regard as hawkish the Prime Minister's speech, which gave expression to our desire for peace and our unwillingness to add another million Arabs to the State of Israel," the Foreign Minister replied.

He stressed that while Mr. Dayan had the right to protest against this policy, those — "like myself" — who did not share his views should definitely regard the fact that the Party did not change its policy as an achievement.

In another reaction to the Labour Party's debate, Israel's former Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, told a Press Club meeting at Sokolov here on Friday that "keeping our options open to peace means expressing our willingness for peace, not undertaking any acts of annexation and leaving territorial questions open to negotiations."

Mr. Rabin said he fully subscribed to Prime Minister Meir's view that it was "Israel's very existence, not her presence in the territories, that was the real stumbling block to peace."

He also agreed with Mrs. Meir that the Jewish national awakening was based on the establishment of a state with a Jewish majority and founded on Jewish values. It was therefore doubtful whether the state could include a large non-Jewish element.

Four killed on roads

Four persons, two of them children, died in weekend vehicle collisions in various parts of the country.

Four-year-old Alon Batat of Bat Yam was killed yesterday morning when the car his father was driving crashed into a car coming the other way at Petah Tikva's Segolah intersection. Alon's parents were moderately injured. The people in the other car — a couple and their ten-year-old son — suffered minor injuries.

Hedva Sha'ibi, 11, died on Friday when the jeep she was riding in crashed head-on into a truck on the

Elyachin — Giv'at Haim road in the Ramat Hashikma area. The driver of the jeep, Yehzekel Naftali, 27, of Moshav Tal Shazar, was slightly injured, as was Hedva's sister Omot.

Ze'ev Gill, 32, was fatally injured the same day when the Sussita car he was driving collided at the Magen intersection in the western Negev with a car being towed by tractor-driver Haim Zaggia, 26, of Moshav Maadul. Gill, a resident of Moshav Sadot, died some time later.

Shlomo Azriel, a 19-year-old soldier, was killed before dawn on Friday when his army jeep overturned after striking several vehicles on the Plugot road.

Libyan plane co-pilot can leave hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The co-pilot of the downed Libyan plane, Yunis al-Mehdi, has been declared fit to leave hospital.

Although both his legs are still in casts and he will have to use a wheel-chair for another few months, a medical team at the Hadassah Hospital, headed by Prof. Myer Malkin, Director of the Orthopaedic Department, decided yesterday that his condition had improved sufficiently for him to be released. They were confident that with modern rehabilitation methods he should be able to walk normally.

Gang breaks into Holy Sepulchre

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Jerusalem police command tightened security at the holy places in the Old City over the weekend after three armed men broke into the Holy Sepulchre Church on Friday morning.

The men removed a plaque from above an effigy of Jesus and attacked a Franciscan priest before he was able to drive them off.

It was not clear whether the men intended to rob the church. A golden tiara crowning an effigy of Mary was stolen from the church some four years ago, but was recovered shortly afterwards.

Last Tuesday, an unknown assailant splashed paint on an effigy of Jesus at the church after breaking in.

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Terror blast at Lebanon refinery

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

An armed group, believed to belong to a Palestinian sabotage movement, yesterday raided the Zaharani refinery in Lebanon, setting thousands of gallons of oil ablaze.

The Lebanese authorities said that a disaster had been avoided as 17 of the 24 charges laid by the saboteurs around the storage tanks had failed to explode. The Minister of Oil and Industry, Pierre Helou, said that only one tank, containing 30,000 barrels of oil, had been gutted.

The refinery — the terminal of a pipeline from Saudi Arabia — is on the coast near Sidon. According to the Minister it was due to resume normal operations late last night.

The attack on the American-owned oil enterprise came at the height of an intensive Arab campaign against the U.S., which the terrorists accuse of having collaborated with Israel in the raid on Beirut last Tuesday.

The terrorist leadership yesterday denied responsibility for the refinery blast, and claimed that the pre-dawn attack was carried out by an Israeli commando group to aggravate relations between the Lebanese authorities and Palestinians.

The charge was rejected by the Israeli Army spokesman as "complete nonsense."

The attack on the oil refinery has been attributed to a "Lebanese revolutionary guard," which circulated leaflets in Beirut yesterday saying that the raid on the refinery was carried out to protest at American support for Israel. The leaflets said that the oil was being "transformed into American weapons of destruction — planes, destroyers and bombs, generously given to the Israeli enemy for destroying our towns and killing our masses."

SAW PALESTINIANS

The leaflets are believed to have been produced by the terrorists, who at the same time insist that they warned the Lebanese authorities of Israeli naval activity off the coast about an hour before the attack on the refinery.

An American doctor at the oil installations, Dr. George Stephan, was quoted yesterday as saying that three guards whom he had treated had identified the raiders as "Palestinians." Unconfirmed reports said that the Lebanese authorities had in fact arrested a number of terrorist suspects.

Beirut frees 8 suspects

BEIRUT (AP). — Elie Haim Khalifoun, a Lebanese Jew held on suspicion of complicity in Tuesday's Israeli raid on Beirut, was released yesterday.

Khalifoun, a restaurateur, was among eight persons counted up by security police Tuesday on suspicion of spying or aiding the Israeli commandos who killed three Palestinian terrorist leaders.

The others, a British woman, a Frenchman and two French women, a Swiss actress' agent, a Syrian Jew and a Lebanese Christian were released Friday for lack of evidence.

Yves Donas, a French restaurateur, remained in the hands of the Palestinian terrorists for the fifth day. The French Consulate was reported to have asked the Lebanese authorities to mediate for his release.

Newspapers had said the terrorists who arrested him a few hours after the Israeli raid, found a walkie-talkie, several pistols and a silencer at his apartment. But his attorney said Donas was a gun collector and the walkie-talkie was a gift from a friend to his son.

Donas' wife denied she was the mysterious blonde seen with the Israeli raiders near the three terrorist leaders were slain. Another mysterious blonde suspect, Georgie Ann Geyer, a correspondent for the "Chicago Daily News" wrote Friday who was released after intensive questioning at terrorist headquarters.

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240-kms. electricity line to link Eilat and Ophira

by SHALOM COHEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 240-kms. electricity line built between Eilat and Ophira, linking it with the national grid, disclosed by Development Minister Haim Gvati at a press tour in Ophira — the name given to Sharm — will cost IL30m. and take two years to complete. Mr. Gvati, who is the minister responsible for the recently formed Civil Service for South Sinai, said he approved the Electric Corporation's application after consultations with Prime Minister and other ministers.

Ophira produces its electricity from generators. The extension of the national grid will also provide electricity to the coastal strip of Sinai from Eilat to Ophira. This is a strategic Sinai corridor through which Israel plans to control.

Mr. Gvati announced the Government's decision directly after Reuven Rivlin, director of the Civil Authority, told the press that an agreement had been reached for a five-year plan to improve the local generators.

IL30m. was stipulated for the water desalination plant, he said.

Mr. Gvati said that the extension of the grid was clearly a choice between adding more generators or desalination.

Mr. Gvati, answering questions, said the Electric Corporation would take about 18 months to complete, including the stage. There was no reason to start right away, he said. Line would supply about 30

megawatts, he said. Earlier, Mr. Aloni gave a figure of 12 megawatts for the original generator expansion plan. Of the IL30m., IL15m. will be spent on transformers north of Eilat.

Later, travelling north along the Sharm-Eilat road, Mr. Gvati told the good news to a representative of Moshav Di-Zahav, a new coastal settlement at Dahab. The young moshavnik was obviously not bowled over, apparently preoccupied with lobbying Mr. Gvati to get the moshav more housing. Apart from the military, there is now one other Israeli settlement between Ophira and Eilat — Moshav Neviot, on the coast at Nuweiba.

In Di-Zahav, concrete chalets for tourists and local trippers have just been completed, ready for the Passover rush. While Di-Zahav must earn its livelihood on tourism very reluctantly — as it emerged from a lively talk between the settler and Mr. Gvati, at Neviot (Nuweiba) there are neat fields of vegetables, the result of water drilling and soil far superior to that of Di-Zahav.

In Ophira a new Israel-made desalination plant was switched on for the first time on Thursday. The new plant adds 800 cubic metres of desalinated water a day to the 500 produced by the old plant. It should lower the price of water from the present IL5 per cubic metre to about IL3.50, it was said. Present consumption, military and civilian, now amounts to some 800 cubic metres a day.

The new plant should satisfy needs for the next two years. But Mr. Gvati was sure that more desalination would have to be ordered in 1975-6. Drilling for water would go on, but "geologists are not optimistic," he said.

On urban development at Ophira,

Mr. Gvati cautioned, "We do not predict fast growth." Ophira now has a "narrow economic base," though one-day other (mineral) resources might be found. "We do not know," he said, citing the Eilat-Timna copper mines example. He made the remarks in response to an appeal by Mr. Aloni to advance the Ophira housing schedule. Mr. Gvati indicated that he would be happy to see the first two housing blocks, 40 storeys each, occupied by the 90 families, and that the housing plan for 1,000 families in the next three years was "no small goal."

Officials at Ophira had noted that the air-conditioning for the first apartments might be delayed up to a year after the flats themselves were ready. (A few months ago, the Ministry of Housing announced that the first families would move in at Pessah. An adjoining school building was also far behind schedule.)

Mr. Gvati said the main difficulty was that building at Ophira was taking place at a time of acute shortage of building workers and materials.

Mr. Gvati said he was opposed to the (Housing Ministry's) high-rise "compact" housing master-plan, as such density created human friction. He had not participated in the plan, he said. The master-plan is to be re-examined next month, Mr. Aloni reported.

Answering criticism that the main tourist beach at Sharm was becoming a "slum," a word Mr. Gvati used — the minister said some of the offending structures would be demolished in two or three years' time, and replaced by a modern hotel. "Remember," he said, "when things started here, when there was no Eilat-Sharm road, when the Tourism Ministry had to search hard for investors."

Wakf head charged with seeking bribe

TEL AVIV. — The former head of the Jaffa Wakf (Moslem Trust) trusteeship board, Nazim Jibali, has been formally charged with seeking a IL200,000 bribe in connection with a land sale.

According to the charges presented in the District Court here, Mr. Jibali asked for the money during negotiations in July 1971 over selling the remaining part of Jaffa's Abdel Nabi cemetery. The land had been freed for sale by the Custodian of Absentees Property.

Mr. Jibali allegedly asked the prospective buyers' representatives, Rabbi Rakowski and Baruch Linder that they pay to his own account a sum of IL200,000 above the price to be fixed for the land. The prosecution charges that this constituted a request for a bribe.

No date has been set for the trial. (Trim)

Convict leaves 'Garden of Eden' for U.S. jail

LOS ANGELES. — A U.S. citizen who lost his legal right to stay a bit longer in an Israeli jail was turned over to U.S. authorities here on Friday and put aboard a TWA plane to face criminal charges in New York.

The man, Harry Weinfield, 51, had just completed two-thirds of a four-year sentence for fraud and passing bad checks. He had unsuccessfully petitioned the High Court in an attempt to get the prison authorities to revoke his time off for good behaviour.

Weinfield reportedly insulted and spat at judges during his appeal before the court, but the reduction of sentence was upheld. Before his departure for the U.S. on Friday, he turned to reporters and said, "The Israeli jail was a Garden of Eden compared to what's waiting for me in the States."

IL 7m. given for cancer institute

Over IL7m. have thus far been contributed by individuals and institutions in this country for the establishment of a cancer research institute to be named after the late Moshe Sharett.

This was reported on Friday by former Supreme Court President Yitzhak Olshan, who is the chairman of the association for the establishment of the institute, to President Zalman Shazar, its honorary president.

The 60-bed cancer institute, the first of its kind in Israel, is due to be completed next year at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem. The Hadassah organization in the U.S. has pledged \$5m. for the project; the rest is to come from public donations.

THE WORK OF 47 Netanya-area amateur painters and craftsmen went on view last night at Netanya's Ben Remes. The exhibits — paintings, ceramics, and work in glass, metal and wood — can be seen there until May 1.

Area cars may be tested here

Arab vehicles registered in the Administered Areas may now undergo their yearly licensing inspection at Licensing Bureau stations in Israel, the Transport Ministry announced on Friday.

The arrangement, which goes into effect today, covers vehicles from Judea-Samaria, the Gaza Strip, and Sinai which are not required by law to be examined at Bureau stations. (Some vehicles from the Areas will be checked at the Bureau stations in Israel.) The aim is to enable Areas residents working in Israel to have their vehicles checked near their places of employment.

Housing Minister stresses priority for public housing

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The purpose of the recently decided 20 per cent cut in the private housing sector of construction is to keep down the price of public housing, according to Ze'ev Sharef, Minister of Housing.

The boom in building activity during the 1970's has inflated costs. "To erect a flat should take, on the average, one year. In fact it takes sixteen months, owing to the competition for men and materials," he said in an interview with The Jerusalem Post.

"There are 1,000-1,200 young couples in Jerusalem alone waiting for a home. A few months saved in construction time means a lot to them, quite apart from the effect on lowering costs and prices."

Some critics believe it would be better to give the building industry its head and allow over-production, in the hope that this could lead to a collapse in prices.

Mr. Sharef disagrees. Prices in public or Government-sponsored construction are not influenced by the ups and downs of market demand. They depend only on costs, he believes.

In the private sector, demand does operate, but it is so buoyant that letting the housing companies put up 40,000 dwellings instead of 30,000 would not make much difference. "People buy property because property is worth more than money. Anything is worth more than money nowadays — a stereophonic gramophone, a car, a suit of clothes, but property most of all."



Sharef

land, purchasers may not be so lavish with their cash. The building trade is vulnerable to any decline in liquidity. Restraint in spending might exercise a measure of restraint on house prices.

Another factor in which the Minister puts faith is prefabrication. "Today 30 per cent of all residential construction uses either factory-made components or entire precast room units. This figure will be raised to 50 per cent before long. The system saves — speaking conservatively — a month or six weeks in building time."

The pressure on resources (created by excess demand) has been exacerbated by the shortage of cement, which Mr. Sharef blames on the monopoly held by Nesher (a partnership between the Histadrut and private capital). We pointed out that Nesher puts the blame on bottlenecks at the ports.

"That is a problem, true. Nevertheless every problem has a solution — and Nesher should have solved this one," he states severely. "Haifa port can unload 30,000 tons of clinker, yet they brought in only 8,000 tons. Now that the crisis becomes serious, they bring in 50,000 tons at one fell swoop — so we have to wait." Admittedly, making Nesher import at a loss (because they had to sell at the controlled price) was not exactly an inducement, he concedes. (Last week the Government decided at last to subsidize imports.)

LAND PRICES

Land prices vary, too, even for State-owned land. Plots range from IL1,700 per flat in the Neve Ya'acov suburb of Jerusalem to IL8,000 inside the city. They cost IL2,000 per flat in Kfar Saba, IL2,700 in Be'er Brak, IL4,000 in Bat-Yam, IL4,000-6,500 in Haifa, and IL4,000-8,000 in Tel Aviv (depending on location).

Will any part of Jerusalem be spared in the tide of house construction? Mr. Sharef would like to preserve the Hill of Evil Counsel (site of the former Government House): "I believe that should be a park, open to the public." It is always nice, of course, to preserve open spaces; but people have to be accommodated, and: "Only cave-dwellers satisfy their housing needs without spoiling nature."

Flower show opens tonight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — This city's traditional offering for the Passover week, the 21st International Flower show, or Floriada '73, on Mt. Carmel, will open its gates to the public at 9 o'clock tonight. It runs until midnight of Monday, April 23.

Beds of live flowers planted in Gan Ha'em by Dutch and Israeli nurserymen have turned the Carmel into a real park, with fewer closed pavilions and more space for man and plants to breathe. And the show has spread into the Rothschild Centre garden, where tropical flowers and tropical fish are on display.

Fewer foreign countries are taking part this year, but the offerings of those that do outshine past shows. The Dutch contingent easily leads as a world power in horticulture. Under the slogan "Nature in its Habitat," trees and shrubs never seen here before have struck root in the park. The Dutch experts have sculptured trees to look like little animals.

The spectators will have to walk across central Carmel to see the two separate sections, covering almost 40 dunams. Tickets (IL3 for adults and IL2 for children) will remain valid from 9 a.m. to midnight, allowing for a break. At the small Rothschild Centre Cinema documentaries on flora around the world will run non-stop.

Captain, 100 crewmen take leave HEAVILY-GUARDED QE2 SETS SAIL FOR ISRAEL

by DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

N. — The world's most unloving fortress, the Queen Elizabeth 2, sets sail from Southampton at noon to a month-long cruise to Israel from the voyage will be p's regular Captain, about 100 crewmen, and an undisclosed number of passengers. Instead, the ship carries a 12-man complement of Marines in civilian clothes, sabotage and bomb disposal teams, and a full complement of British Royal Navy and Royal Air Force personnel. They can expect to see fighter overhead from time to time. The 6,000-ton ship has a capacity of 1,500 passengers, but on this only 580 passengers will sail to Southampton to be in Israel for the Day of Atonement. They will be some of the 1,500 of a similar of travellers who flew to fill make the return journey.

MINISTRY REFUSED

Statement by the Cunard Ship-owners said the Ministry of Defence advised Cunard to abandon the cruise to and from Israel. It would be a great loss of and it might also put off passengers from using Cunard in the future. The Ministry entered and agreed to provide and security personnel to Cunard's own security arrangements.

and the National Union of said on Friday they had agreed on the payment of bonus to each crew member for the journey. None of the 100 of the 980 crew de-leave their shore leave. They dissuaded by a company

undertaking to pay compensation equivalent to four years' salary to the dependants of any sailor who loses his life as a result of terrorist action during the voyage.

The number of passengers was ascertained from the 1,200 of which Cunard spoke earlier, to about 600 passengers on each leg. The 1,200 figure had been given them by Assured Travel of Massachusetts, which had chartered the ship and it apparently included the round trip.

Most of the passengers, virtually all wealthy Jews, flew into England on Saturday and this morning to join the ship at Southampton. The company insisted that the alteration in the total number of passengers had nothing to do with cancellations, though reports of cancellations persist.

The company also insisted that the reduction in the number of crew members was logical because of the relatively small number of passengers, and not because they were scared to make the trip. None the less a number of crewmen told this

reporter they were indeed scared to make this trip.

Stringent security precautions were in force over the weekend at the docks and only people who had been cleared could approach the liner. No visitors were allowed on board.

A team of naval frogmen made repeated dives alongside the ship to ensure that no explosives had been placed on the hull. They are expected to make a final check shortly before the QE2 sails.

Cunard has refused to confirm that the Defence Ministry is charging them in the region of £10,000 (IL100,000).

The Queen Elizabeth II will make a call at Lisbon on April 17 and arrives at Ashdod on April 21. She stays there for three days and then sails to Haifa where she will remain as a floating hotel — until May 4. She then returns to Ashdod staying there until May 8 when she departs for Southampton. Stopping at Palma on May 10 she will arrive back in Britain on May 13.

HIGH SECURITY STEPS ASSURED

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — Top executives of Cunard Shipping Lines were in Israel recently and approved security and port preparations for the QE2's arrival on April 21.

Mr. B. Cocup, General Manager of Cunard, along with the head of Cunard's operations division, came with the understanding that the voyage would be cancelled if preparations for the £60m. liner were inadequate.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Cunard was on the verge of

cancelling the tour due to strong pressure in Britain from government sources and from pro-Arab groups who warned that the tour may be the target for an Arab terrorist attack. The fears were strengthened after the attack in Beirut last month on the Greek liner Soudan, which was bringing Baptist pilgrims to Israel.

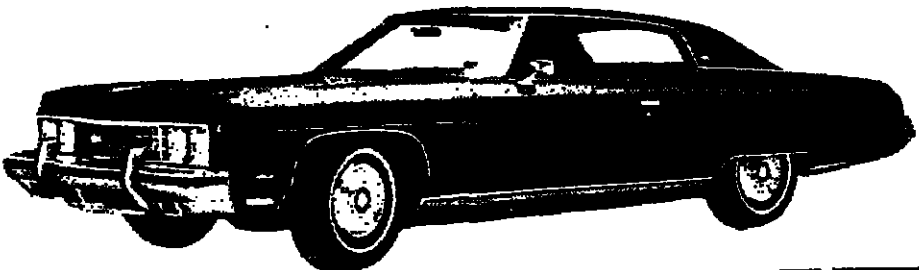
The two Cunard executives met with Aharon Remes, head of the Ports Authority, the directors of Haifa and Ashdod ports, Moshe Gilboa, advisor on international affairs to the Ministry of Transport

and Communications, and Israeli security officials.

The executives returned to England and advised the company to carry out the tour as planned. Just the same, Cunard sent over a company security official who reached the same conclusion. Oscar Rudnick, the President of Assured Travel Service, the firm that chartered the liner, was also in the country recently and met with Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Mr. Gilboa concerning last minute plans.

Special preparations, both operational and security, had to be made at Ashdod since it is a cargo port. The QE2 is the largest passenger liner ever to dock in Israel.

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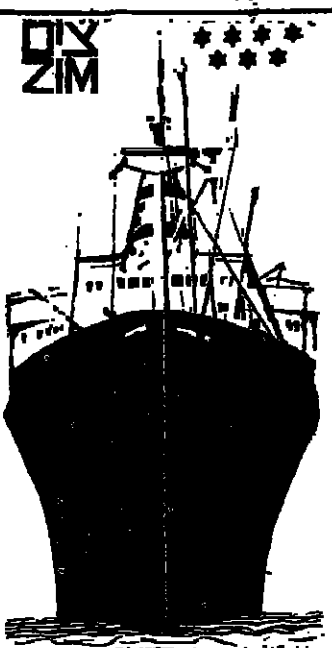
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Security Council postpones debate

ARABS AND SOVIET SEEK ANTI-ISRAEL SANCTIONS

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council debate on Israel's commando raids into Lebanon last week was postponed yesterday until tomorrow after the Soviet Union had joined a parade of angry Arab speakers in denouncing Israel and the U.S.

Russian Ambassador Jacob Malik said during the debate: "The Soviet Union is prepared to support effective sanctions, up to and including Israel's expulsion from the U.N."

An Arab demand for expulsion, if it is introduced, faces a probable U.S. veto. The U.S. is also prepared to veto any Council condemnation of Israel that does not also condemn Arab violence, informed sources said.

Security Council President Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru scheduled a meeting of the 15-nation group for yesterday, but the officials later announced the session would be postponed tomorrow. The meeting was postponed presumably to allow Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mohamed Hassan el-Zayyat, who arrived from Cairo Friday night, time to confer with Arab delegates and draft a formal resolution.

Speaking on Friday night, Malik said the Beirut raid was carried out "in the style of thieves, using the same methods once used by the Hitlerite cutthroats, the SS men." He accused Israel of resorting to the "law of the jungle" and attempting to "elevate terrorism to state policy."

Israel's Ambassador, Mr. Yosef Tekoah, retorted that "for the Soviet Union to speak about international morality, about respect for the rights of groups or of individuals, is a sham."

Declaring that the Arab terrorists were aiming at the destruction of the Jewish state, Mr. Tekoah said: "Our history is replete with demands that Jews passively hold their throats out to the butcher's knife. This will not happen in the least. Israel is entitled to do as it strikes at those murderers wherever it can reach them."

Tekoah told the Security Council: "We come to charge that Lebanon has convened the Council to ask licence for the continuation of terrorism." He linked "the terrorist Black September" movement with the Palestinian terrorist group Al Fatah. He said that among members of the murder groups killed in the Israeli raid were Mo-



Israel's U.N. Ambassador, Mr. Yosef Tekoah, left, barely conceals a smile as Saudi Arabia's Jamil Baroudy gestures during his address to the Security Council. (AP wirephoto)

ammed Youssef el-Najjar, "the Al Fatah-Black September commander in Lebanon," and Kamal Adwan, "in charge of the Black September activities in Israel-controlled areas."

"Under the leadership of such men the Black September carried out 105 murder attacks in the last two years," Tekoah said.

He said Israel's action was directed "solely against the terrorists." He urged that the Council refuse "to take a position in support of Lebanon remaining a base for murderous outrages in the Middle East and elsewhere."

The U.S. Ambassador, John A. Scall, urged the Arab delegates to squelch the "big lie" that the U.S. was mixed up in Israel's raid. He said the allegation that the U.S.

Government participated in the Israeli action and that the U.S. embassy in Beirut was harbouring persons involved were "a complete fabrication."

Furthermore, Scall asserted in his first speech at U.N. headquarters, this "massive untruth is being repeated by recognized information media in several countries." He warned against "inflaming new violence."

At the outset of the U.N. debate, Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorez accused Israel of having committed aggression against Lebanon. He said his country relied on the U.N. to protect it and the Council should not stop at condemnation but take "meaningful action to put an end to the Israeli aggression." (Reuters, AP, UPI)

U.S. would act against extreme resolution

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Jerusalem is hoping that the U.S. will act against any one-sided draft resolution submitted to the Security Council. Following a meeting between Ambassador Simcha Dinits and Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco on Friday, officials in Jerusalem were confident that the U.S. would not support an unbalanced resolution which condemns Israel without paying heed to the Arab acts of terrorism which preceded the Beirut raid.

But officials in Jerusalem said there had been no promise by the U.S. to use the veto. The U.S. delegation may make do with an abstention if the draft resolution is not too unacceptable.

Observers here believe that pressure from within and pressure from Egypt were jointly responsible for Beirut's belated decision to demand a Security Council debate. At first it seemed that the Lebanese would make do with a letter of protest. But accusations that the Government had been in league with the Israeli raiders coupled with pressure from Egypt to insist on a full-dress debate, eventually moved Beirut to call the Council into session.

The Egyptians seem set on expanding the Council debate into a

general onslaught on Israel from the Arab and Soviet delegates and their sympathizers. It is to organize this, say observers in Jerusalem, that Egypt's Foreign Minister Mohamed el-Zayyat flew to New York, making wartime statements at the staging points en route. Egypt also intends to show the Arab world, by this action, that it remains in the forefront of the Palestinian cause.

Israeli diplomats around the world are reporting a generally mild, and occasionally even favourable, reaction by press and media to the Israeli action in Beirut. There is no comparison, they say, to the almost universal condemnation which the raid on Beirut airport in 1968 drew from overseas. Some diplomats, including U.N. envoy Yosef Tekoah, report understanding and even admiring reaction to last week's action in their private conversations with friendly diplomats. "But of course, they have learnt by now, personal reactions are often different from the official policies of states," Mr. Tekoah said in a radio interview broadcast yesterday.

He said he did not classify the current Security Council debate as especially strident "inasmuch as the things which are being said have been said before." Mr. Tekoah said there was nothing new in the Soviet delegate's threat to support Arab recommendations of sanctions against Israel and even its ouster from the U.N.

Jordanian killed by his own bomb

ATHENS (Reuters). — Greek police were satisfied Thursday night that a Jordanian killed by a time bomb in his hotel room on Thursday was the victim of his own plans. Mosa Abdullah Abu Zaid, 38, was killed when the bomb went off under his bed on the fifth floor of an Athens hotel. Police said he arrived in Athens from Beirut on April 5.

A spokesman said that security officials interrogated a number of Arabs in Athens who travelled with him from Beirut but could not establish any link with the incident. No arrests were made, the spokesman said.

Cyprus ban on Israelis, Arabs

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Turkish Cypriot leaders Friday banned Arabs and Israelis from visiting the Turkish sectors of Cypriot towns and villages, following last Monday's attack on the Israeli Ambassador's residence and the airport here by Palestinian guerrillas.

An announcement by the Turkish leadership said that any person of Israeli or Arab origin or nationality who wanted to enter the sectors would have to apply for a "temporary travel document" at the Turkish tourist information bureau in Nicosia.

3 children murdered in U.K.

WORCESTER, England. — The police were hunting yesterday for a killer who took three children — a four-year-old boy and his two baby sisters — from their beds and brutally murdered them.

The children were Samantha Jane Ralph, nine months, her sister Dawn Maria, aged two, and their brother Paul Kenneth, aged 4.

The police said the children were taken from the house while their father Clive Ralph, 29, went to fetch his wife Dorothy, 24, from a nearby public house where she worked as a barmaid.

The bodies of the children were found impaled on iron railings in a garden a few doors away from the children's home.

Detective Chief-Superintendent Robert Booth said the children's throats were cut and their heads had been savagely beaten.

Police informants added that the infants had been sexually assaulted. The police said that "at some stage during the evening a lodger was also at the house."

When the parents returned home about midnight the children were missing and their bedroom was in chaos.

The police were summoned and they found the bodies in the nearby garden of Mrs. Nellie Gurney, Mrs. Gurney told newsmen she had been watching late night television and had heard nothing until detectives knocked on her door. (AP, UPI)

France, China deplore raid

PARIS (Reuters). — France Friday deplored the Israeli commando attack on Beirut which killed three Palestinian terrorist leaders last week.

The government expressed its "entire sympathy" for Lebanon in the episode. A statement was issued after a Cabinet meeting saying: "The Government deplores the serious events in Beirut undermining Lebanese sovereignty to which France is particularly attached."

In Peking China denounced the attacks in Lebanon as a "shocking crime." In its first reaction, the official "People's Daily" said: "The recent attack of the Israeli Zionists reveals their aggressive nature and extremely ruthless features."

Kidnappers free Briton; admiral reported slain

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — A British business executive kidnapped last Sunday was released on Friday night and returned to his suburban home, a member of his family said. But guerrillas said they executed an Argentine admiral they abducted two weeks ago.

The businessman, Francis Brimcombe, was described as "in a good state of health and in high spirits." A statement published in a Buenos Aires newspaper Friday and signed by the leftist people's revolutionary army said the retired admiral, Francisco Aleman, had been executed after the group kidnapped him April 1.

Labour takes power in six U.K. cities

LONDON (AP). — Opposition Labourites were elected to power in London and the big six urban centres of England and Wales last week with promises to transform the life and look of the cities. Their victory in local elections is a severe blow for Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath.

Labour's win was expected but its extent was stunning. It regained the control it lost over greater London six years ago. It also firmly established majority over the six super metropolitan councils of Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Tyne, West Midlands, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. And it took over 11 other key councils.

All this, under a new electoral system, means that more than half the country will be under Labour rule in local government terms when the reconstructed councils begin working next year.

CONGRESS GROUP WARNS

'No normal U.S.-Soviet ties if Jews are harassed

WASHINGTON. — Normal relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union cannot proceed while Jews and others in Russia are harassed and prevented from emigrating, a Congressional study mission said yesterday.

It said it welcomed improved relations between the two countries — especially trade ties — but warned that neither the President nor the Soviets should ignore the concern of Americans over the plight of Soviet Jews.

The report was compiled for the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee after an 11-day visit to the Soviet Union last December.

There has been considerable Congressional criticism of Soviet emigration policies.

Senator Henry Jackson (Democrat, Washington) has introduced legislation banning trade concessions if the Soviet Union does not lower its high exit visa fees and eliminate both barriers to emigration.

The study mission's report said: "We believe that the Soviets se-

riously misunderstand system by ignoring response to the legitimate groups in America taken up the cause of Jews in Moscow. Jewish clashed with the Soviet over his desire to lead with his 13-year-old been arrested.

Alexander Tyomkin, was being held on a suiting a representative ity," the sources said.

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Bonn and Prague pave for diplomatic ties

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — West Germany and Czechoslovakia achieved a breakthrough on Friday on how to deal with the 1938 "Munich Agreement" which has prevented diplomatic relations between the two countries until now.

German and Czech officials announced after two days of talks here that they would recommend that their governments open formal negotiations on a good-neighbour treaty which could be completed by the middle of May. This would follow Chancellor Willy Brandt's "friendship" pacts with Russia and Poland.

The State Secretary of the Bonn Foreign Office, Paul Frank, told newsmen the purpose of the proposed treaty was to "relegate to the past once and for all" the "Munich Agreement" by which France, Britain and Italy handed over the Sudeten border lands of Czechoslovakia to Hitler in 1938.

After World War II Czechoslovakia regained the lost lands and West Germany gave up all claim to Sudeten territories, but Bonn still maintained that the "Munich Agreement" had been legal when signed, although no longer so today. Czechoslovakia insisted that the pact had been null and void from the beginning.

Bonn's chief fear in the past has

Regret over death of Italian woman

ROME (Reuters). — The Israeli Ambassador in Rome has expressed his Government's "profound regret" at the death of a 64-year-old Italian woman during Tuesday's raid in Beirut. Mrs. Clara Morelli, who was staying in a flat in the same building as one of the terrorist leaders killed, was fatally wounded by gunfire when she went to the door to see what was happening.

The embassy said in a statement that Ambassador Amiel Najjar conveyed his sympathies to the family of Mrs. Morelli.

150 feared dead in cyclone

DACCRA (Reuters). — The death toll in the latest cyclone to ravage southern Bangladesh rose to 100 yesterday and unofficial figures put it at more than 150.

Obaidur Rahman, member of parliament for the Faridpur District, southwest of Dacca, where the 140 km-an-hour storm raged for two hours on Thursday night, said 100 bodies had been recovered by his men up to Friday night.

He said a house-to-house check had revealed another 56 were missing and believed dead.

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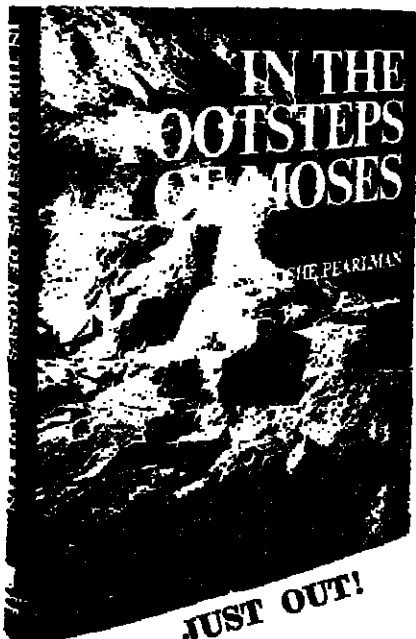
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RAMAT GAN HAKOAH DRAW FURTHER AHEAD

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

AVIV. — Hakoah-Maccabi of Ramat Gan with a 0-0 draw in an yesterday, have extended their lead over Tel Aviv Hapoel to four points.

Aviv Hapoel leading 1-0 until the 10th minute, finally went down to a 1-1 draw with Hakoah-Maccabi. The game was a tactical affair, with both sides appearing to be overcautious, and only three goals to go until the end of the league season.

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Seven thousand at the Katamon ground in Jerusalem saw a disappointing match between Hakoah-Maccabi and Hakoah. The league leaders, who fielded a weakened team, were on the defensive throughout. Hakoah-Maccabi felt they deserved a penalty after Eli Ben Rimon was brought down in the 66th minute by Hakoah defender Shmuel Cohen. Referee Avraham Kahan ignored the Hapoel players' appeals. In the last 10 minutes of play the home side piled heavy pressure on the Hakoah goal, their forwards missing several good scoring chances.

A new immigrant from Russia,

Bloomfield Stadium saw a typical "derby" match between the Tel Aviv Giants, Maccabi and Hapoel. Tel Aviv Hapoel played the attacking game in the first half and their efforts were rewarded in the 39th minute when Yehoshua Hagan opened the scoring after a neat combination with Ya'acov Rachmiel. In the 52nd minute referee Menahem Ashkenazi sent off "Miko" Bello, the Maccabi defender, for fouling Avraham Cohen. The game got rather rough at this stage. Although left with only 10 players, Maccabi changed its game, going all out in attack. In the 77th minute Maccabi's David Gossan equalised. In the 86th minute Maccabi got the winner through Meir Mizlik, who flicked the ball past the goalkeeper following a corner taken by Reuven Teller.

Boris Norman, starred in the Petah Tikva Hapoel win over Netanya Maccabi. He scored his side's first goal in the 29th minute. Hapoel went further ahead in the 63rd minute through Shaul Hayek. Netanya Maccabi reduced the Petah Tikva lead in the 80th minute when Shraga Bar scored with a shot from ten metres.

One of the best games of the day was played between Jaffa Maccabi and Beersheba Hapoel, won 2-1 by Jaffa. In the 7th minute Shlomo Ninko opened the scoring with a neat header. Alon Ben-Dor equalised for Beersheba after half an hour. Pinhas Kuenzlikh got Jaffa Maccabi's winner seven minutes before the end.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS AFTER 27 GAMES

Club	G	W	D	L	Pts
1. Hakoah	26	16	8	2	40
2. Tel Aviv Hapoel	26	15	7	4	37
3. Jerusalem Hapoel	26	14	8	4	36
4. Tel Aviv Maccabi	26	13	9	4	35
5. Hakoah-Maccabi	26	12	10	4	34
6. Beersheba Hapoel	26	11	11	4	33
7. Ramla Hapoel	26	10	12	4	32
8. Tel Aviv Maccabi	26	9	13	4	31
9. Hakoah-Maccabi	26	8	14	4	30
10. Beersheba Hapoel	26	7	15	4	29
11. Petah Tikva Hapoel	26	6	16	4	28
12. Netanya Maccabi	26	5	17	4	27
13. Jerusalem Hapoel	26	4	18	4	26
14. Hakoah-Maccabi	26	3	19	4	25
15. Beersheba Hapoel	26	2	20	4	24
16. Ramla Hapoel	26	1	21	4	23

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH STANDINGS (AFTER 27 GAMES)

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15. Beersheba Hapoel	26	2	20	4	24
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LEAGUE "A" NORTH STANDINGS (AFTER 27 GAMES)

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1. Hakoah	26	16	8	2	40
2. Tel Aviv Hapoel	26	15	7	4	37
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7. Ramla Hapoel	26	10	12	4	32
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Liverpool moves up two points clear

(Reuters). — Liverpool two points clear with four remaining in the race for English soccer championship after they scored a 1-0 home win against West Bromwich Albion yesterday.

Liverpool scored both points in a 15th-minute penalty by Kevin Keegan.

Liverpool first-division pacemakers out most of the season, took points tally to 55 from 38 as second-placed Arsenal drew with a single point from a home win at London rivals Tottenham.

Liverpool ended the day with 53 points from 38 matches. Leeds United leads to retain the F.A. Cup. Sunderland next month, are tied with 49 points after being a 1-1 draw away to West Ham.

Liverpool have two games in hand over Arsenal, today's draw will end the end of their title race.

Most dramatic of yesterday's games was at West Ham's Upton Park, where goalkeeper Ferguson was taken to hospital with a neck injury after a collision with West Ham teammate McDowell.

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remaining games and can have little hope of catching all-conquering Liverpool.

Manchester United's former image as the gentlemen of English soccer suffered another setback when several of their fans were arrested after going on the rampage before yesterday's 2-2 draw at Stoke. Several cars were overturned and shop windows were smashed by a group of about 100 youths.

The best individual feat in the First Division came from leading scorer John Richards, who blasted a hat-trick to help Wolverhampton Wanderers crush Everton 4-2 at home.

A notable triumph was Norwich City's 1-0 at home to Chelsea — their first league win in 20 matches. But fellow strugglers, Crystal Palace, failed to find the answer to their relegation worries with only a 1-1 draw at home to Ipswich.

The battle for the Second Division leadership continued with Burnley and Queen's Park Rangers scoring 2-0 wins over Huddersfield and Luton respectively. None of the Third Division clubs could catch pace-makers Bolton, who won 2-0 at Shrewsbury, while Southampton kept on top in Division Four with a 1-0 win over Lincoln City.

In Scotland, Glasgow rivals Rangers and Celtic, who meet in the Scottish Cup final next month, maintained their place at the top of Division One. Rangers beat Dundee United 2-1 to preserve their two-point lead over Celtic, who won 3-1 at St. Johnstone.

Results of British soccer games:

English league Division 1

Arsenal 1 Tottenham 1

Crystal Palace 1 Ipswich 1

Leicester 0 Birmingham 0

Liverpool 1 West Bromwich 0

Manchester City 3 Sheffield United 1

Norwich 1 Chelsea 0

Southampton 1 Newcastle 1

Stoke 3 Manchester United 2

West Ham 1 Leeds 1

Wolverhampton 4 Everton 2

Golf division won with 3 under par

CAESAREA. — Shooting a brilliant 3 under par gross 69 Laurie Bean of Herzliya Pithua yesterday won the A Division of the individual Stableford golf competition with 41 points. Noha Frank of Ramat Gan was a close second with 39 points. The B Division was won by Esther Raymond of Hadera, with 36 points followed by Dennis Ohman of Caesarea with 35 points.

Fans invade ground; game begins two hours late

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

The game between Marmorek Hapoel and Jerusalem Hapoel started two-and-a-quarter hours late after hundreds of Jerusalem fans had broken into the Rehovot ground without paying, spilling over on to the pitch. The police force on duty could not cope, and the referee could not start the game.

Finally the police persuaded the fans to withdraw from the field.

When referee Shmuel Finkelstein decided he could start the game, only the Jerusalem Hapoel players took the field, as the Marmorek players had meanwhile gotten dressed. When the Marmorek players arrived on the pitch, the Jerusalem players had already left and were boarding the bus to go home.

At 4.30 p.m. both teams finally lined up for the game.

They played 90 minutes without scoring any goals. The referee decided on five minutes extra time, because of injuries, and it was two minutes before the end in virtual darkness that Ya'acov Yajima, the Marmorek stopper, put in his own goal, diverting a shot from Jerusalem's Arzi Ben Ya'acov. The goal sealed Marmorek Hapoel's fate for this season.

Israelis withdraw from German tennis

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel has withdrawn its entry to the 10th annual Tennis Federation Cup for Women, which takes place at Bad Homburg, West Germany, from April 30 to May 6.

Announcing the withdrawal on Friday, the Israel Lawn Tennis Association said it had been necessitated by a "lack of funds, taking into account all the expenses in which we would have been involved by organizing the trip."

This would have been the first official Israeli sports team to compete in West Germany since the Munich massacre last September.

During the past months a six-strong squad has been training for the Federation Cup under national tennis coach Ian Froman, and The Jerusalem Post understands that Paulina Peleschov and Tamar Bendik would have been named for Israel's team.

Israel made its bow in the Federation Cup — women's equivalent of the Davis Cup — in Johannesburg last year. Twenty-eight other countries are competing at Bad Homburg.

BASKETBALL GOOD DAY FOR HOME TEAMS

TEL AVIV. — The two Jerusalem clubs Hapoel and Hapoel, scored home basketball wins on Friday.

Hapoel Hapoel scored a surprise win by one point, 88-87 over Tel Aviv Hapoel. Jerusalem Hapoel easily beat the kibbutz combination of Gvat Yagur Hapoel by 97-62. Mike Lynn scored 32 points for Jerusalem Hapoel in this game.

With only two games to play before the end of the season, Ramat Gan Maccabi assured itself second spot behind Tel Aviv Maccabi with an impressive 111-83 win over the Givat Brenner-Na'an squad. The one point defeat of Hakoah Maccabi 80-81 by Megiddo, virtually makes it certain that the Hakoah combination will join Ashdod Ya'acov Hapoel in relegation.

Results: Jerusalem Hapoel 88, Tel Aviv Hapoel 87; Tel Aviv Maccabi 111, Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel 83; Jerusalem Hapoel 97, Gvat Yagur Hapoel 62; Hakoah Maccabi 80, Megiddo Hapoel 81; Ashdod Ya'acov Hapoel 76, Kiryat Haim Hapoel 82.

Five nations tie in Rugby Union

DUBLIN (Reuters). — Ireland survived tremendous pressure and hung on to beat France 6-4 in the last Rugby Union International of the season, here at Lansdowne road yesterday.

With all ten championship matches resulting in home victories, the title outcome is a five way tie for the first time in history.

Ireland deserved to win, but their first-half superiority was rewarded only with a 19th minute penalty goal from full-back Tony Easor, who scored from two yards inside his own half.

Mike Gibson, who took over the kicking for a time when Easor and Mick Quinn were feeling the effects of knock, rammed over a 28 yards penalty in the 50th minute.

France tried desperately to match a draw in the closing quarter as Ireland "died", but Romen tied with a conversion that would have given them a draw.

Pat Jennings named U.K. footballer of year

LONDON (Reuters). — Pat Jennings, the Tottenham Hotspur and Northern Ireland goalkeeper, was yesterday voted English League footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association.

Jennings, 27, who has played in over 300 league matches and 41 internationals, collected twice as many votes as runner-up Paul Madeley of Leeds United.

Jennings, rated among the world's best goalkeepers, has won English F.A. Cup, English League Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals with Spurs.

Chinese favoured in table tennis


SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia (AP). — Three Europeans and one Chinese entered the semi-finals of the world table tennis championships yesterday.

Table tennis followers installed Hui En-teng of China as the favourite to win the title. In last night's semi-final, he met Anton Stipanovich, Yugoslavia's number one player. Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia met Kjell Johansson of Sweden in the other semi-final bracket.

East German girl sets swim record

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — East German swimming star Kornelia Ender pounded out her second world record in two days when she set a new 100 metres butterfly mark of one minute 3.05 seconds here yesterday, beating the previous record by .09 seconds.

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Agreement to support stepson valid

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on September 12, 1972 (in M.C. 452/72). The appellant and respondent are wife and husband, each of whom was married previously and has a son from the former marriage. The respondent's son was helped from the couple's joint earnings to complete his studies at the Technion and when the time came for the appellant's son to study, the respondent undertook, in writing, to contribute towards his support to the same extent as he had contributed towards his own son's support. However, the relations between the couple deteriorated and the respondent refused to pay anything to support the appellant's son. The appellant thereupon sued him for maintenance, claiming that most of her salary went toward

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Berenson, Cohn and Mogy.

Leah Lurpu, Appellant, v. Mendel Lurpu, Respondent (C.A. 548/72)

PARENTS' OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS ADULT SON

supporting her son at the Technion and she did not have enough left over for her subsistence.

The District Court allowed the husband's argument that he was not bound by law to maintain his wife's adult son, and held further that the wife's support of her son was a voluntary act and not a legal obligation for which her husband was liable.

In the appeal to the Supreme Court, Mr. D. Israel appeared for the appellant and Dr. E. Fendrich for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Berenson, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, first considered whether the appellant and respondent were liable for the support of the former's grown son under the relevant provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Maintenance) Law, 1959. Sections of this law, he noted, makes a person liable for the maintenance of his adult child if, inter alia, the latter is unable, in spite of his efforts, to supply his own requirements through work or from some other source of income. However, this provision was not intended for the benefit of adult children who are unable to support themselves because of their studies. It was intended for adult children who, for health reasons, or for reasons over which they had no control, were unable to support themselves. As this criterion did not exist in the present case, the appellant was not liable to maintain her adult son by virtue of section 5 of the law; and the respondent was certainly not liable to do so as the appellant's son was not his child.

On the other hand, continued Justice Berenson, section 12 (b) of the law provides that "an agreement as to the maintenance of a person of full age shall be made in writing and provides further that such an agreement "may be confirmed by the Court;" while section 12 (c) lays down that "an agreement as to maintenance confirmed by the Court shall have the effect of a judgment of the Court in a matter of maintenance." This means, he held, that a written agreement on maintenance for a person of full age is as valid and binding as any other agreement, even if not confirmed by a court, although it would have the force of a court judgment if confirmed. The agreement between the appellant and the respondent concerning maintenance of the former's son complies with these demands, he continued, and would appear, prima

facie, therefore, to be binding upon the respondent.

The District Court's opinion that section 12 refers to an agreement as to maintenance of only such an adult as the person making the agreement is liable to maintain under the law, is unfounded, Justice Berenson continued. For section 12 of the law contains no such qualification and there was no justification for it in general, as witness the provisions of section 19 (c) of the law which says down that the law shall not derogate from any agreement creating a right to maintenance beyond the measure or extent of maintenance under the law itself.

In short, held Justice Berenson, the respondent's written agreement to support the appellant's son while he was studying, was legally valid and binding. The only further question which arose, therefore, he continued, was whether the respondent's liability for the maintenance of the appellant's son was binding from a practical viewpoint. In this context, he noted, the respondent had argued that the appellant had claimed maintenance for herself and not for her son, and that he was not liable to pay her maintenance if she earned enough to support herself. The appellant, on the other hand had argued rightly, he held, that the respondent was obliged to supplement her earnings if, because of the debts and obligations which she had lawfully to meet, they were so depleted as to be insufficient for her subsistence. The case should, therefore, be returned to the District Court to decide this question on its merits. Appeal allowed and case returned to District Court.

Judgment given on March 29.

Burst main cuts off 800 T.A. phones

TEL AVIV. — Some 800 North Tel Aviv telephones were cut off Thursday night when water from a burst main seeped into underground cables. The disconnected telephones all begin with the number 44; most of them are in Ramat Aviv. Telephone company workmen started repair work soon after the main burst.

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EDGES GERSTENZANG
(AP). — Doctors implanted the first American-produced powered heart pacemakers for patients at the Beth Israel Medical Center here last week.

The atomic devices are expected to last longer than battery-powered pacemakers — ranging in age from 10 to 15 — received from other countries.

The first patient to undergo the operation was Roxanne Hutchins, a 54-year-old school teacher from New York, who brought her husband to the hospital for "good luck" before her first heart attack. She was 54 years old and had a pacemaker when she was 40.

Dr. Margulec appointed to WHO Panel

ITZHAK MARGULEC, 62, medical director of the JDC/Malben in Jerusalem, has been appointed a member of the World Health Organization's Expert Advisory Panel on the Control of Medical Care.

Dr. Margulec's appointment is for a five-year term. He is expected to offer the organization the benefit of his professional knowledge and to keep WHO informed of important developments in the field of medical care in Israel.

Dr. Margulec, who was born in Poland and studied in France and the U.S., came to Israel in 1950 to serve as medical director of the JDC/Malben. He has been teaching at the University of Jerusalem, and has been teaching at the School of Medicine, Hebrew University, since 1960. He is also a member of the National Health Ministry of Health.

Overturned: GM pay \$250,000 injured man

DORIA, Virginia (AP). — A 30-judgment against General Motors Corp. has been awarded to a man injured in a 1967 Chevrolet. The man, David Parker, was killed in a crash test. GM has 6,632,000 cars and trucks of that model. The crash test showed that the car was not safe.

Arts and crafts fair in Acre



The biggest arts and crafts exhibition in Israel's history will open for the Passover holidays at the picturesque Khan-el-Umdan in Old Acre. The fair will be opened by the Minister for Tourism, Moshe Kol, on Wednesday and will stay open for ten days.

Participating are dozens of well-known artists as well as folk craftsmen discovered in a special survey conducted on both sides of the Green Line, including Arabs, Beduin, Druse and Armenian craftsmen from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sinai and the Gaza Strip.

Among the well-known individual artists participating are Rivka Ellav and Yona Palombo (metal works), Zila Mazor, Arish Ophir and M. Rabinowitz (jewellery and ceramics), Nurit Cohen (guitars), Alexander Zeld (batik), Hana Baharal (glass work), Avshalom and Ariela Zafir (hand made carpets), and Nira Pinkas (enamel work).

The fair has been organized by the Municipality of Acre and the Government's Old Acre Development Corporation, which hope to hold the fair annually.



Jerusalem iron, stone and wood sculptor Yoram Palombo (left) and newly discovered 19-year-old Jaber Hamdan of Acre, are seen preparing exhibits for the Acre Fair.

Japan chemical firm must pay victims of mercury poisoning

By MARK FRANKLAND

TOKYO (Otna). — The cause of Japan's increasing number of victims of industrial pollution has taken a big step forward with a court decision ordering a leading synthetic chemical producer to pay compensation to people maimed by mercury poisoning.

The last of four major pollution trials (all of which have been decided in favour of the plaintiffs), it has been striking evidence of how far sufferers from pollution have come in the defence of their rights. Little people who 10 or more years ago were helpless victims of disease that was all the more horrible because it was at first inexplicable, have turned into tenacious protesters against some of the greatest names in Japanese industry.

Japan's big business and its conservative Government have only themselves to blame if some of the traditionally long-suffering people of this country have turned demanding. The businesses involved in these cases kicked and fought up to the very last moment against recognizing their responsibility.

The story behind the latest trial began in the mid-1950s when members of the fishing communities around Minamata Bay in Southern Japan began to fall ill to a disease of the nervous system. In extreme cases the patients died, sometimes in agonies of madness.

The less gravely ill had trouble seeing, hearing, walking and talking. Many became permanent invalids. Sixty-eight people were to die from what came to be called the Minamata disease. There are over 300 officially recognized Minamata disease victims still alive.

By 1959 the cause of the disease had been fairly conclusively identified as methyl mercury deposited in the bay by a synthetic chemical plant of the Chisso Corporation. The mercury was absorbed by fish which Minamata fishermen and their families ate regularly and in large quantities.

At the time the Chisso Corporation began to make what it called "bathium" payments to patients and their families although it disclaimed any responsibility for the disease. Those who accepted these payments had to sign a contract undertaking not to sue for compensation should the company be proved responsible at a later date.

In 1964 there was a similar outbreak of mercury poisoning in another part of the country, yet it was not until 1969 that 138 Minamata victims and their relatives filed damages suits against Chisso.

The cases received greater attention as public awareness of the menace of pollution grew in Japan. Photographs of Minamata disease victims became in their way as typically Japanese as shots of

geisha girls and cherry blossom. A victim who won particular attention was a girl who had absorbed methyl mercury while in her mother's womb. The girl, now 16, can neither see nor speak. Her limbs have withered and she weighs under 35 pounds. Her father carried her to court last week to hear the verdict.

The judge in his ruling went out of his way to criticize the Chisso Corporation's attempt to use "bathium" contracts to avoid paying proper compensation.

Biased contracts

He declared that the company had tried to take advantage of the "poverty and ignorance" of the victims, that the contracts were heavily biased in its own favour and accordingly he ruled them invalid. The plaintiffs were awarded costs totalling over ¥144,000,000.

The families of sufferers who have died and the most seriously affected of the living victims will get more than ¥130,000 each. The lowest individual award totals just over ¥110,000. The Corporation also had to agree to enter into negotiations to pay compensation to the majority of Minamata victims who have not yet taken legal action.

As far as Japanese industry is concerned the trial decision was the final blow to any hope that a precise causal relationship between a polluting substance and a disease had to be established before an industry could be held legally responsible. From now on any factory which discharges dangerous substances into sea or river water may be charged with negligence even though damage to human or animal life has yet to be proved.

The two outbreaks of Minamata disease and the so-called *Itai Itai*

disease caused by cadmium poisoning which make up three of the four big trials are all instances of water pollution peculiar to Japan (the cadmium was carried from mines into wet fields where Japanese traditionally grow their crops).

The fourth trial concerned air pollution, but while the victims of mineral poisoning are numbered in hundreds, recognized cases of severe air pollution sufferers entitled to medical assistance now total over 10,000.

Parts of 10 towns have been designated air polluted areas where the air's sulphur dioxide content exceeds the Government standard of 0.05 parts per million. Inhabitants with severe bronchitis, asthma and other respiratory diseases may receive medical assistance worth up to ¥110,000 a month and, if needed, a maximum of ¥1,150 a month nursing care. The cost is shared between industry and Government.

Medical assistance

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has declared independently that several thousand of the capital's schoolchildren with respiratory troubles will be eligible for medical assistance.

Reporters in court when the judge gave his verdict last week noted that most of the victims heard the good news with little sign of rejoicing. It was too late for any real sense of consolation.

But the fishing people of Minamata who were killed or deformed because they ate what their ancestors had safely eaten for centuries before have helped to begin to change the course of Japanese society. They have become the martyrs, once ignored but now impossible to forget, of Japan's economic super-power.

U.S. STUDENTS BURN 'SEXIST' MEDICAL TEXT

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP). — A group of University of Michigan women students who said they were angry at the sexist attitude toward women in some medical textbooks burned two of the books last week.

A spokesman for the Advocates for Medical Information said "Obstetrics and Gynecology," a standard medical text, was the prime target. It was described as "sexist to the point of Nazism."

Dr. J. Robert Willson, a Michigan professor, is principal author of the textbook, which was published in 1971.

Kay Weiss, founder of the group, who termed the book "criminal," ripped pages out of the \$22 text, hurled it into a trash can and burnt it while nearly 150 students watched.

Ms. Weiss described the book as "a male fantasy about a child-like, helpless creature with an animal-like nature, unable to get through sexual intercourse or childbirth without her doctor's or psychiatrist's help."

The group felt the book-burning would dramatize its objections and educate doctors and women about medical misinformation and malpractice, she said.

Objectable passages, she explained, include such statements as: "The normal sexual act entails a masochistic surrender to the man... There is always an element of rape."

"Every phase of a woman's life is influenced by narcissism" (excessive admiration of oneself).

"Every aspect of a woman's life is coloured by her ability to accept the masochism that is part of her feminine role."

"Sexually she must be passive and receptive."

Dr. Willson declined immediate comment, but Louis Graff, director of the university's health sciences relations, spoke on his behalf.

"Dr. Willson is deeply distressed that any campus group would resort to the burning of books in an intellectual community as a means of disagreeing with... professionally published material," Graff said.

Graff called it "painfully ironic" that any campus group, regardless of its motives, would do something which "historically has threatened the free exchange of ideas and opinions."

Toys show computer techniques

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MORE and more educational toys are on the market these days. Now Orda Industries, a subsidiary of Koor, has gone in for mathematical concepts and computer principles in toys.

According to Rafi Hareven, Managing Director of Orda Industries, "a successful toy should not only stimulate the child's mind but also have amusement value." Involvement is the word now, along with novelty and the fact that it is dynamic, and no longer than half an hour in duration.

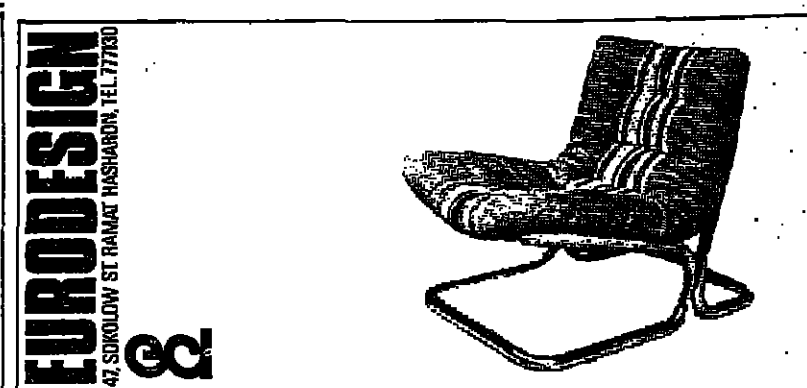
These are the principles applied to the growing range of Orda toys and games, most of them developed for the company by scientists and university professors.

Gideon Ehrlich, a Weizmann Institute mathematician, is the inventor of one of the new line of games, "Q-sets," a game based on modern maths and logic. Cards with printed coloured circles correspond to positions which can be achieved on an eight-point dial with coloured balls. Each player picks three cards and must attempt in three moves to achieve the maximum number of required positions; the game requires careful planning and can also be played at various levels according to the age of the participants. Gideon Ehrlich explains that the game developed from his attempts to explain his own work to his three- and six-year-old daughters — with great success. "My own children were the guinea pigs — then I saw that my adult friends were also interested by it."

Orda games are not cheap — IL28 each on average — but they are well produced. Instructions are comprehensive and come in both Hebrew and English. There is now a range of nearly a dozen types of games, several of them launched within the past month. Almost all are intended for children above the age of six with one exception — Brainy Blocks — for younger children, developed at the Tel Aviv University and intended to teach logic, colour coordination and recognition to the pre-school age child. Patterns and pictures are built up with components of coloured shapes. This is also a game which can be played at a number of different levels according to age and ability.

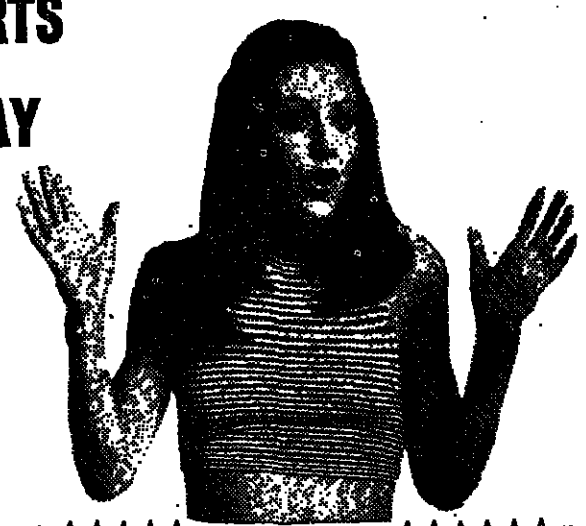
About IL30m. worth of toys are imported into Israel alone each year. Orda's turnover on the local market is already nearing IL1m. The first steps into the export market have already been made and Orda recently signed a contract with Coleco, a leading American toy distributor, for four of their lines.

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Immigrant rights cutback postponed until January

Jerusalem Post Reporter

New regulations tightening the customs rules for new immigrants will be postponed for six months and will come into effect January 1974 (instead of July 1973). A recommendation to this effect was made yesterday by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to the Knesset Finance Committee.

The chief alteration to be postponed is that newcomers will be confined for their tax free privileges to purchases made in their country of origin or in Israel. Now they have nine months instead of three to meet condition.

Other changes postponed until

next January are the following:

• parcels sent to the immigrant after he left for Israel will no longer be duty free.

• the tariff on cars of over 2000 cc. will be raised from 25 to 50 per cent with a minimum of IL2 per kilo instead of IL1.

• the period for receiving a car with reduced taxes is extended from two years to three, but in the third year the tax exemption will be reduced by one twelfth for each month of delay, until by the end of the year, the full tax is payable.

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ISRAEL'S WATER CRISIS

conference held in February at which Israel's water was discussed. Menachem Begin, Prime Minister, said that the water supply was in a "gloomy picture" and that the water supply of the future depends on technological advances. Because time is running short, no chances can be taken in developing technology, however promising, which may involve unknown pitfalls. The problem is discussed by I. Vilentchuk, a leading pioneer in developing Israel's water resources and a member of the Government's Sea Water Conversion Commission. He warns against reliance on the enlargement of a desalination process being developed by a government company.

Few people realize how serious the national water problem is or what critical decisions must be taken in order to combat it. Natural water sources have been exploited nearly as far as possible and the water supply of the future depends on technological advances. Because time is running short, no chances can be taken in developing technology, however promising, which may involve unknown pitfalls. The problem is discussed by I. Vilentchuk, a leading pioneer in developing Israel's water resources and a member of the Government's Sea Water Conversion Commission. He warns against reliance on the enlargement of a desalination process being developed by a government company.

week later the Water Commission announced that a five per cent increase in the water quotas have to be made. Emergency measures to this effect were published soon after.

actual drop in the amount of water for irrigation was considerably less than this five per cent cut during this year's very dry winter. It did not have the benefit of water, and Israel's farm lands the new agricultural cycle getting the moisture they need. During the irrigation season, to make good the deficiency in water, the soil will need water more than during a year when conditions are normal.

distribution of water to farmers during the irrigation season as prescribed by the Emergency Regulations, coupled with the reduction of the supply quotas, rates far-reaching readjustment of agricultural activities.

a press conference the Water Minister stated that our natural water reserves in the underground reservoir (the water-bearing zone) were dwindling. The present emergency measures, he said, "are critical climatic and further worsening of the country's natural water resources."

First confirmation was the first time within a memory that an official judgement has been made on the gravity of the water situation. The point to be remembered is that we are actually using 10 per cent (and perhaps more) of our water potential, at all the natural water reserves have been developed, we or several years now, been tapping the underground reservoir during the rainy filters through the soil and stored in the underlying strata of sandstone and limestone. These reserves form of a gigantic regulator, making a steady water supply area dry years. If the reserves are depleted, our water supply is in a hazardous situation over the

face the facts: The present situation is not the result of a particular year's drought but a sequence of many years of "drying" in, drawing more from the reserve stores than replenished during the winter. It is in this context that "ther worse" of our water, mentioned in the Emergency Regulations, must be understood. This year's severe drought, with the accumulated over-draw of the underground reserves over the course of several years, has created a dangerous deficit. Moreover, the Water Commission indicated that an improvement in the situation cannot be expected before 1985 when, he said, all water will become available through the desalination of sea

(IDE), a company fully owned by the Government of Israel (Ministry of Development). Generally speaking, there exist several thermal desalination processes in which sea water is evaporated using steam as a working medium. The steam (the working medium) is condensed and returned to the steam boiler in the form of water and is used again as steam, whereas the vapor of the sea water is cooled, condensed and thus converted to high-purity desalinated water, usually containing about 25 mg. of salts per liter or even less.

The Mediterranean sea water along Israel's coastline contains about 35,000 mg. of salts per liter. In Eilat the sea water contains up to 45,000 mg. Drinking water should not contain more than 500 mg. The irrigation of certain salt-sensitive crops, such as oranges, avocados and certain vegetables and flowers, requires water of much better quality — namely about 150 mg. per liter.

In referring to the shortage of water, the Water Commissioner did not mention the deteriorating quality of our natural water, which is becoming more and more saline. One of the main reasons for this is the overpumping of the underground reserves, so that a considerable part of our natural water already contains more salts than is permissible for irrigation of certain crops. The blending of the pure desalted water with our natural water is the only way to improve its quality.

The thermal desalination of sea water is a comparatively young technology. There exist a number of processes of thermal desalination in various stages of development. One of these processes, the Multi-Stage Flash Evaporation (MSF) is the most advanced in development at this time. The sea water desalination plants built during the last 15 years are using only MSF, so that extensive operational experience has been gained in this process. Gradually the size of desalination plants has been increasing. Important manufacturing companies in the U.S., the U.K., France and Japan are building MSF units of various sizes up to 20,000 c.u.m. per day capacity. These units are supplied and erected in accordance with stringent engineering requirements.

In Israel we have had fairly satisfactory experience with MSF. Two MSF units, each of 4,000 c.u.m. per day capacity, have been yielding a reliable supply for several years now, providing about 80 per cent of Eilat's water consumption. One of these units was transferred to Eilat from Sina after the Six Day War.

A major factor of any technological development is the time factor

of the IDE from the existing 150 cubic metres per day pilot unit to the 50,000 c.u.m. per day commercial unit will be over 300 fold. The IDE more than 300-fold upscaling will have to be developed in a short period of a few years, whereas it took more than 15 years to develop the MSF process from its pilot plant stage to the present day unit size (of 20,000 c.u.m. capacity) and involved the effort of many engineers and scientists from different industrial countries.

During the author's long engineering career he has never seen, or heard of such an accelerated development as is being planned for the IDE process. If the Water Commissioner believes that our extremely strained water situation will begin to be relieved by 1985 when a large desalination plant, consisting of several large IDE units of some 50,000 c.u.m. per day capacity each, will begin operating, he is relying on something bordering on the miraculous.

It should be noted that the MSF prototype of 50,000 c.u.m. per day capacity repeatedly recommended by the Sporn commission is only about two-and-a-half to three times larger than several units already in commercial operation elsewhere.

Cost of uncertainty It is confidently estimated, provided a positive decision by the Government is taken without delay, that the large plant — consisting of several MSF units, can, because of their already advanced stage of technological development, start reliable operation by 1981-82. This schedule coincides with the erection of a new power plant by the Israel Electric Corporation in the south with which the proposed large desalination plant could be integrated, to get the steam required for the desalination process.

Preliminary calculations show that water costs from IDE process are lower than from the MSF process. However, the IDE process calculations must be regarded as purely paper calculations, not based on actual operating experience. The IDE technology has not been demonstrated and its economic prospects are still uncertain. What the short-term advantage could be in the IDE process will be and when it will be dependably available is anybody's guess.

One thing is clear — there can be no doubt that uncertainty regarding the timing, quantity and quality of our water supply may seriously cripple our agricultural operations.

Now, after so much time has been lost and the country is in the midst of a perilous water situation, is it wise to turn to a new process, never tested on large units, for a solution?

The IDE process has some promising features, but in view of its initial stage of technological development, its further development must be entirely detached from the practical measures to be taken immediately for a speedy and reliable supply of desalted water.

It is quite possible that at some future date the IDE process will show a definite advance in the technology of desalination. However, it is most uncertain whether this process, after exceedingly accelerated development, will ease the country's desperate needs in the near future. Reliance on a solution of this kind constitutes an unwarranted risk which this country can ill afford.

Soviets spend 40% of GNP for defence

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union spends 40 to 50 per cent of its gross national product annually on defence, at least four times as much as it officially acknowledges, according to an unofficial study by two Leningrad economists.

The economists wrote under pseudonyms in a 28-page typescript circulating among dissident Soviet intellectuals. They estimated current defence spending at \$54,000m. to \$97,000m. The figure was impressive because they were uncertain about as-

signing a dollar value to the costs. The published Soviet defence budget has been constant at 17,900 m. rubles (\$24,000m.) for the past three years. Western specialists have long maintained the published figures bore little resemblance to actual expenditures.

Using unclassified statistics, the two economists concluded that real defence expenditures for 1969, the year of their study, were not 17,900m. rubles but 80,000m. rubles (\$108,000m. at current rates).

Abolition of local taxes is proposed

TEL AVIV. — Municipal taxes should be abolished, and the budgets for local governments be provided by the Government from its national revenues, says a recommendation by the Alignment's committee on municipal taxation. The proposal was made by the committee chairman, Mayor Pinhas Eylon of Holon, who is also chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, at an Alignment conference on municipalities held at Beit Berl Thursday. It advises abolition of general rates, business taxes and luxury taxes, as well as various fees.

Mr. Eylon asserted that past experience had shown local authorities would not suffer from such a move, and efficiency would be increased. The local authorities, he said, would ask the Government to allocate 14 per cent of its revenues for local governments, and a committee of experts could be set up to determine the criteria by which the money would be distributed. (Him)

Reject cut in Naphta capital

A proposal to write-off past losses by reducing the Naphta petroleum company's share capital to half has been rejected for the present. The object would have been to use current earnings for payment to shareholders, instead of letting them accumulate in a capital fund.

The decision was taken recently by majority shareholder, the Treasury. "We shall not do it this year," an official told The Jerusalem Post. An application to the courts would have been necessary — and the climate of opinion is not favourable to such an action (designed to keep profits flowing).

The private shareholders have argued that when their company finally struck lucky in the Zohar gas wells, they wanted to stop prospecting for a time. But they were outvoted by the Government, so the company went on boring wells — that turned out to be dry holes.

Since these holes have no asset value, the private shareholders held it would have been reasonable to re-assess the company's property. The

Police would act on illegal prices

TEL AVIV. — The police are prepared to handle complaints of illegal prices on condition that complainants are brought to trial, the Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosko, told a meeting of Eilat-Rut workers at Beit Berl on Friday. He was answering a question referring to a statement made by Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro last week that consumers could lodge their complaints on price gouging with the police. The police were reluctant to act as "scarecrows," Rav-Nitzav Rosko said. "We'll deal with such matters only if the law has some teeth in it and offenders are actually prosecuted." (Him)

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1969 Menora	27,249	10	10	1971 P-H	30,000	30	370
1969 Shalom	4,722	15	350	1972 P-H	45,000	30	35
1969 Haral	34,473	10	180	1972 P-H	12,500	60	245
1969 P-H	4,922	20	770	1972 P-H	50,000	30	110
1969 Bar-Milva	19,541	10	600	1972 P-H	15,000	60	350
1969 P-H	4,561	20	800	1972 P-H	15,000	30	40
1969 Negav	10,450	20	755	1972 P-H	15,000	60	210
1969 P-H	5,050	20	870				
1969 Seafaring	5,880	20	1700				
1969 P-H	4,500	20	2000	1968 Torah	150,000	2	45
1969 Museum	11,100	10	480	1968 Sepania	80,000	2	35
1969 P-H	4,500	20	840	1968 P-H	5,000	4	600
1969 Knesset	26,232	10	250	1968 Sepia	15,832	2	450
1969 P-H	7,580	20	425	1968 P-H	5,000	4	4400
1969 Life	15,575	15.50	125	1968 P-H	15,816	2	175
1969 P-H	10,500	20	135	1968 P-H	5,428	2	430
1969 P-H	20,200	15.50	210	1968 P-H	9,567	2	400
1969 P-H	7,755	25	470	1968 P-H	5,040	4	670
1967 P-H	234,889	12.50	70	1968 P-H	10,000	2	410
1967 P-H	50,000	22.50	150	1968 P-H	5,500	4	780
1967 P-H	30,000	43.50	250	1968 P-H	75,000	20	30
1968 P-H	40,000	25	180	1968 P-H	25,500	40	230
1968 P-H	30,000	25	250				
1968 P-H	50,000	25	150	1968 P-H	10,510	50	4900
1968 P-H	15,000	25	130	1968 P-H	5,202	150	—
1968 P-H	47,500	25	130	1968 P-H	5,000	300	5300
1968 P-H	50,000	25	130	1968 P-H	5,000	150	5200
1968 P-H	30,201	25	150	1968 P-H	5,000	300	6000
1968 P-H	15,000	25	220	1968 P-H	15,500	300	3800
1968 P-H	30,000	25	220	1968 P-H	15,500	350	2500
1968 P-H	17,500	25	300	1968 P-H	10,000	430	4400

The coin market during this past week showed no particular excitement, and very few transactions on a large scale were reported. There was, however, a slight drop in the high prices of a few selected gold

coins. Reliable sources explained that very few collectors sell their gold coins in order to induce them to do so, coin manipulators offered reduced prices, hoping this would discourage gold holders who would then dispose of their holdings. How-

ever, this "used technique" did not do the trick. The value of gold coins is expected to rise to unprecedented prices in view of rumours that U.S. citizens may shortly be permitted to import gold coins into the U.S.

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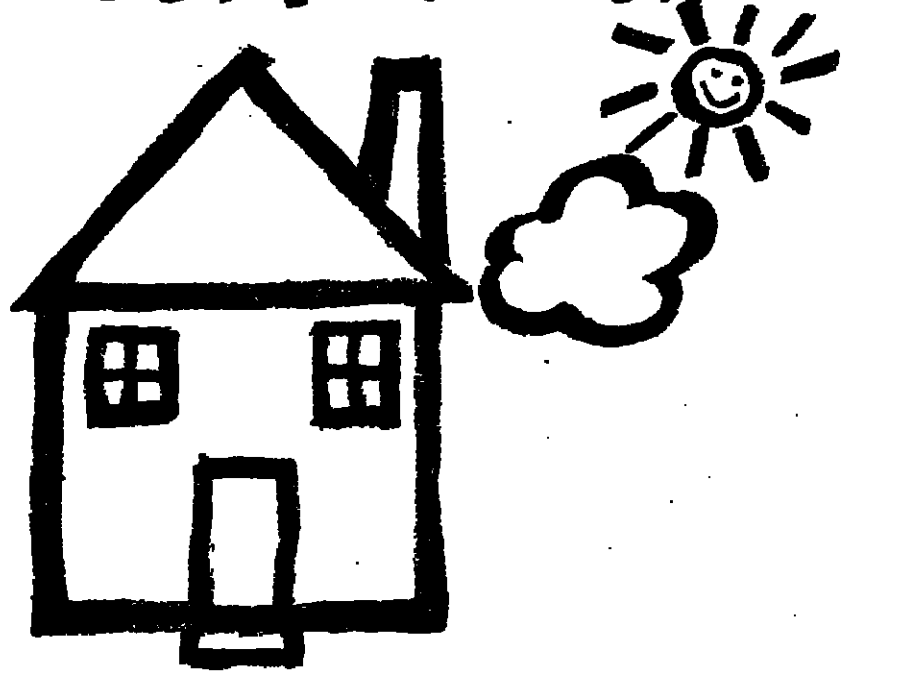
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BACK TO THE U.N.

It is worth remembering on occasions such as the present that for many years after the establishment of the State in 1948 Israel was accustomed to protest to the U.N. Security Council that Egypt, Jordan and Syria, or persons operating from their territories, had infiltrated into Israel to commit murder, sabotage and theft, without noticeable result.

Sometimes the U.N. Observers had not been on the spot to see what had happened; at others, when fire had been returned following the original attack, they declared they could not say who had fired first. On rare occasions, when the aggression was clear beyond all doubt and the dead were all in Israel, and there was any suggestion of so much as censuring the assailants, the Soviet Union stepped in with a veto.

If Israel returned the fire or pursued the attackers, the powers were accustomed to deplore all violence, putting self-defence in the same category as coldblooded attack across the borders, most often directed against farmers working in their fields. Had the U.N. lived up to its obligations in those days, conditions would not have deteriorated so far as to bring about the fighting in the Sinai in 1956, nor the war of 1967. The powers had no advice to offer except that Israel make conciliatory gestures to the killers, such as yielding up Eliat port for a land bridge between Egypt and Jordan, or offering to take back Palestinian refugees to appease the Arab states.

On Friday, in the Security Council debate on the Israel attack on terrorist bases in the Lebanon, Israel's representative, Mr. Yosef Tekoa, pointed out that the Black September group

had carried out 105 murder attacks against Israelis in the past two years under the direct leadership and instructions of the men who were killed in Beirut. What Lebanon was now demanding was licence to continue this terrorism. The terrorists have moved most of their operations away from Israel, where they have found it too difficult and dangerous to operate, because if they survive the action, long prison sentences will await those who took part in murder or hijack attempts. Attacks abroad are more attractive, both because of the generally lower level of police alertness to the danger of terrorism, and the almost certain prospect that attackers who are apprehended will be deported instead of being brought to trial for crimes of violence.

The U.S. has been almost alone in expressing the view at the U.N. that Israel is entitled to the right of self-defence against an organization whose aim it is to destroy us. The sharp demands of Lebanon at the Security Council are understandable, especially as that country has been accused of having collaborated in the raid, and we are accustomed to mindless Soviet support of Arab interests. There was also the sharpest criticism from some other countries, including France, who do not for a moment deny our right to existence and security, while Black September is committed to our destruction as a sovereign state. We ask nobody to fight our battles at their own expense in good relations with the Arab states, but even self-interest should stop the U.S. from appearing to confirm the terrorists' right to murder Israelis with impunity. It is a piece of political logic we cannot accept.

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Sports teams abroad

Davar (Hastadrut): "The Israeli table-tennis team's decision to leave Yugoslavia is understandable. This might serve as a precedent with regard to the participation of Israeli sports teams in events abroad. The Sarajevo affair comes plumb in the middle of Israel's proving that the Arab warfare will not remain one-way and delegations should thus be able to proceed abroad with equanimity."

Al Hamshehar (Mazman), refusing to accept the Yugoslav claim of being unable to secure the welfare of the Israeli team, declares: "Yugoslavia has thereby set a dangerous precedent, the implication of which is political and moral support for the Arab terrorist organizations. The timing of the demonstration of such support by the Yugoslav Government would appear to have been dictated by the Beirut operation."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), adopting a different stand, writes: "There is no call for allegations against

the Yugoslav Government, and no wisdom in the Foreign Ministry's annoyance. This Ministry would do better to prevent the despatch abroad of superfluous delegations. No useful purpose will be served by Israeli teams pushing to make their presence felt everywhere and courting danger. All the more so since the Israeli sportsman almost invariably lose. As for the Yugoslav authorities, their alertness merits commendation: even though they may not have acted strictly in accordance with the diplomatic code, they made the timely discovery of a terrorist plot against the Israeli sportsman."

Omer (Hastadrut) recalls: "The Yugoslavs have been victimized by terrorists of their own. The Croatian Ustaschi. They ought therefore to display understanding for the demand to face up to the terrorist threat."

Ha'aretz (non-party) voices reservations on two issues it sees as linked: Defense Minister Dayan's address stop Masada and the recent poll which revealed that the majority of the Israeli public had voted over to the "Greater Israel" camp. The paper writes: "One can understand the public's preference for continuation of a comfortable situation, which has moreover been shown to have more advantages than disadvantages. It may be asked, however, whether this public would be prepared to risk its all — as it did in 1967 — to defend Israeli rule in Nahalut and Ramallah. She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) analyzing "the factors which led to the change in the Government's approach to the issue of Arab terrorism," remarks: "The blows we landed on the terrorists in Beirut have caused a domestic upheaval there, which could possibly result in disintegration of the Lebanese republic. While such a development would not serve our interests, combating terrorism heads our list of priorities, leaving us with no option."

Recent events in Vietnam bring one to a reassessment of the prospects of peace in that war-torn country. It is natural for a Middle East observer to attempt to evaluate the prospects by drawing a parallel with developments in the Middle East. While the two cases are completely different in their military and political configurations, nevertheless the mechanics of attempting to bring about peace are similar in both regions.

Armistice agreements, United Nations emergency forces, demilitarized zones, conciliation commissions, U.N. observers, cease-fire standstill are but some of the expedients put into operation over the years in respect of the Middle East conflict. Practically every conceivable formula known in international relations for keeping two warring sides apart was put to test in the Middle East conflict, with the exception of the most obvious, namely a binding peace. And here the experience of the Middle East may be of great relevance: it has proved that without a determined effort being made by all sides, in direct negotiations for as long as it takes, the intermediary steps, more often than not, prove to be

Aluf (Res.) Haim Herzog writes that the cease-fire lines in South Vietnam will contribute to future hostilities rather than deter them.

the soil for a renewal of hostilities.

This is best borne out by an examination of the military implications of the cease-fire lines. A cease-fire line, to be effective as an intermediary step towards peace, must in itself constitute a military deterrent. A cease-fire line which in itself constitutes a temptation to move, when opportunity presents itself, against the opposing forces, must inevitably lead to a renewal of hostilities.

Military deterrent

In all cases where the cease-fire has created a line between the parties which in itself constitutes a military deterrent, even an ardent and publicly declared desire on the part of one of the parties to renew hostilities has recoiled in the face of the inherent deterrents provided by the



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line. Thus the Suez Canal, with the strategic depth of the Sinai Desert behind it, constitutes a cease-fire line which, despite the oft-announced intention of the Egyptians to ignore it, has been maintained because of its inherent deterrent nature. Thus the slow and imperceptible advance towards peace is being given a chance to develop.

Similarly, the very firm, un-

quivocal nature of the 38th parallel in Korea, behind which major fortifications on both sides were constructed, constituted a deterrent with a resulting cooling-off, transitional period which finally led to the talks between North and South Korea. A less definitive line in Korea would have given rise to recurrent outbreaks of hostilities, leading to an inevitable major conflagration.

Israel's experience

This is borne out by experience in Israel. The armistice lines of 1948 proved to be so unrealistic and so fragile that they inevitably led to wars in 1956 and 1967, not to mention the numerous clashes which characterized these lines over the years. These lines which held out the temptation for Arab commanders to cut off the capital city of Jerusalem from Israel by an advance of five hundred metres, to cut the State of Israel in two near the coast by an advance of ten miles, to overrun centres of population by moving forward some hundreds of metres, constituted a major element in the deterioration which led twice to war in the Middle East. They were, in effect, an invitation to war.

To this must be added presence of U.N. observers because they tend to renege the policies of their governments and not of U.N. (especially those from the communist and neutralist bloc) proved to be, in the analysis, a divisive force and unifying force. They have erected a wall between the warring forces, rather than a bridge.

Thus it would appear that cease-fire lines in South Vietnam, with their leopard-skin pattern across South Vietnam, their inherent standing still to one or other side action in order to improve positions, fall within the gory of those cease-fire agreements which carry within the seeds of a future conflagration.

If the experience in areas where the cease-fire line has been used is a value in estimating future developments, then it would seem that there is little prospect any positive developments in Vietnam based on the cease-fire arrangements in ground. They point towards future outbreaks of hostilities.

Readers' letters

Jews and Jesus

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to a report in your issue of March 18, Dr. Wehrhag has said that there should be an amendment to the Law of the Return, which would make members of the "Jews for Jesus" movement unable to claim Israeli citizenship as Jews.

Although I am not a member of the "Jews for Jesus" group, who may only be freaks, I am in accord with the principle that Jesus should be recognized by Jews, and as a prophet as great as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos and others. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass

from the Law until all be fulfilled." I think we Jews should read the four Gospels, interpreting them as progress in religious thought and not taboo them for our youth, and thus keep them apart from the stream of developing Judaism. Nor should Jews be prevented from the Return to Zion because of their opinions; there are leftists and Reform Jews, and Jews for Jesus; one cannot discriminate against the views Jews hold.

It is because we must progress in our religion in Israel, free from fear of an alien culture that the Return is of value. To refuse to include those who believe in this is to injure the cause of the Return to Zion.

MURIEL MOSKOWITZ
Zichron Yaakov, March 23.

ADVICE TO IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Lea Levi is to be congratulated on her clear and forthright statements to immigrants in her open letter in your issue of April 3. She is absolutely right when she says "don't wait for Israel to absorb you." My experience has been that if you do your share, you will readily find out how grateful and cooperative most Israelis are.

BESSIE FREEDMAN
Jerusalem, April 3.

BOUQUET FOR MUNICIPALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — May I through your columns express my pleasure and gratitude to the Jerusalem Municipality for the well-prepared listing of the city's public services. Praise is also due to your journal for including the list in its weekend issue. It is a facility which I am sure all citizens will find useful. The list enables one to see at a glance all the services which the city provides and to realize how much it takes to run a community. This should inspire all of us who make our homes here to cooperate in whatever way possible. Things may not always be done efficiently, but an understanding of the many functions involved in keeping the wheels running will give the citizen an appreciation of the difficulties which have to be overcome in carrying out all public services to the satisfaction of all who receive them.

BERT GOLDSTEIN
Jerusalem, March 28.

PEN FRIENDS

JOSEPH LOEWYER (18), 8977 Gull Avenue, Pasadena, California 91124 would like an Israeli-born pen pal who would correspond with him in English.
BERT HANSEN (17), Box 117 N-2423, Nybergsgaard, Norway, would like to correspond with Israeli. Her hobbies are music, sports and drawing.

DOVES ON PEACESHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We have heard that The Jerusalem Post has attributed to my husband some deprecatory remarks about Abie Nathan and I would like to ask you to correct this impression.

We came to say goodbye to Abie Nathan when his Peace Ship left the United States. We brought him two doves, as you mentioned in your paper, and with our best wishes for his voyage we gave him a card which read: "The names of these doves are Isaac and Ishmael. We hope that one day soon, you can release these doves over the land of the Israelis and over the land of the Palestinians, where they will live in peace." The card was signed: Tereska and Meyer Levin.

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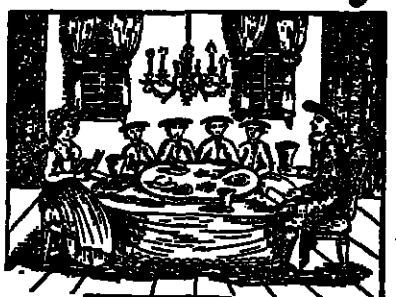
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